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Editorial Briefs.

THE EVANGELIST subscription list is growing very nicely. New subs are being added every day. Keep it up brethren. At the present rate of increase we will soon have a very respectable list.

WE are receiving quite a number of orders for our sample package of tracts. It contains a sample of every tract in the office. Price ten cents. Send your order for a package.

THUS far all orders for Sunday-school literature have been filled. We still have a good supply left and can fill orders promptly. Are there no union schools in your community that could be induced to give our literature a trial?

IN the near future we hope to give our readers a brief symposium on the greatest hindrances to the rapid progress of the Brethren church. This will make a series of interesting articles. None of them are to occupy more than one column.

PLEASE look carefully at the label on your paper. This issue is number 12. If you find on your label 9-97, or 10-97, it means that subscription expired a few weeks ago; 12-97, means that it expires with this issue. Kindly renew at once.

OUR readers will be pleased to learn of the very successful work that is being done in Dayton, Goshen and Chicago. Let us support these missions, and new life will come into our church and a new inspiration take hold of our people.

ANOTHER new tract has been added to the list. No. 15—Saved by grace, by J. O. Talley. It appears in this week's issue of the EVANGELIST. It is an eight page tract and sells at ten cents per dozen, or fifty cents per 100. This tract will now be included in the sample package, for ten cents. It should be freely distributed.

THE program for the Ohio State Conference will be announced just as soon as possible. Since we had no meeting last year let us all get ready for a good conference this year. Come, brethren and sisters, this will not do, we must get together.

WE shall be glad to have our customers examine with care, the Sunday-school Quarterly for this present quarter. The first part of the Quarterly, devoted to helps in preparing the lesson, is full and complete. Our readers will find these pages very helpful.

THE paper is one day late this week, owing to our visit to Dayton. It is likely to be a day late next week also. We regret this as it is the first time since the beginning of the year. The paper has been mailed regularly each Wednesday evening since January 1, 1897.

OF the recent "Prize Fight" in Nevada the *Union Signal* has this to say: "We must conclude that all of them, from the governor of the Commonwealth to the most degraded bruiser among them, are such as 'breathe out cruelty.' The spectacle in the 'Sage Bush' state is a shame and a disgrace to a civilized country. That it could occur, even in the western mining section, ought to make decent, honest citizens blush. This is all the more to be emphasized when we recall the fact that perhaps half a million of dollars was put up as stakes on the fight, and that in some of our large middle and eastern cities, street cars were blocked and traffic stopped by the crowds that haunted the bulletin boards, anxious to know whether they had won or lost." Truly it is a shame, and not a shame only but a disgrace to our boasted civilization that such a thing can take place under the protection of law. Newspapers devoted more space to the report of the fight in all its details than is ever given to the most important religious meetings held in the

country. Then these men excuse themselves because the public demands it. It is the business of the press to give people, not necessarily what they want, but what they need, and there is quite a difference between people's *needs* and *wants*.

THERE is now pending in the Illinois legislature a bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale and giving away of cigarets and cigaret materials under heavy penalties. It is to be hoped that this bill will become a law, for why should the State, for a stipulated sum, permit the sale of the pernicious "stuff" that menaces the health and morals of our young people?

CHURCH work is moving forward very encouragingly. Within the last six months there have been very large additions to the church, in the way of numbers, and we trust in the way of spiritual strength and power also. Since last General Conference three successful missions have been launched, all of which are doing good work, and the outlook of each is bright indeed. These are the Chicago, the Goshen and the Dayton missions. To these may be added a fourth, that of Washington City. Is there any reason why we should be discouraged? Practically all this work has been developed within the last six months. Let us "thank God and take courage."

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